ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

2018 PAUL SIMON STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

*The Illinois Community College Trustees Association's **PAUL SIMON STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST** provides a $500 scholarship to the student who best describes "How My Community College Has Changed My Life."*

CONTEST RULES

All currently enrolled students at ICCTA member colleges are eligible to participate in the Paul Simon Student Essay Contest at the local level. However, each ICCTA member college may enter only **ONE** student essay in the statewide competition each year.

Each essay must be brief (less than 500 words), typed, and address the theme "How My Community College Has Changed My Life." Entrants may use "How My Community College Has Changed My Life" as the essay's title or create their own title related to the theme.

EACH ENTRY WILL BE JUDGED ON THE BASIS OF WRITING STYLE, CLARITY OF EXPRESSION, AND RELEVANCY TO THE TOPIC, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS PLACED ON CORRECT GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION.

★ Failure to follow these rules will result in the disqualification of an essay ★

CONTEST DEADLINE

Essays are due in Southeastern's Office of Academic Affairs (C 203) no later than FEBRUARY 16, 2018 The local winner will receive a $50.00 award and the right to compete in the statewide contest. SIC will submit the local winning essay to the ICCTA for participation in the statewide contest.

The state ICCTA winner of the Paul Simon Student Essay Contest will receive a $500 cash stipend for educational expenses during the fall 2018 semester. In addition, ICCTA will invite the winner to attend the association's June 2018 awards banquet.